

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

 (Currently Amended) A portable compact kitchen appliance adapted for home use for the low volume manufacture of an infusion pod for brewing a beverage, comprising:

a mold having a depression therein, the depression bounded by an opening and defining the shape of the bottom of the infusion pod, the opening of said depression being rimmed about with a mold sealing surface;

a form comprising a an integral bolt and a bolt carrier movable together, the bolt defining a protrusion in substantial conformity to the shape of the depression, the protrusion being dimensioned and adapted to press a sheet of filter paper into the depression and to pack an infusible material provided in the depression;

the bolt carrier, comprising:

a resilient member biasing the bolt outwardly from the bolt carrier for applying a predetermined compressive force to a brewable infusion material; and

a bolt carrier sealing surface having a surface topography in substantial engaging conformity with the mold sealing surface; and

wherein the form is axially moveable relative to the mold to repeatedly bring the form into contact with the mold in such a manner as to bring the mold sealing surface and the bolt carrier sealing surface into juxtaposition while simultaneously bringing the bolt into the depression and wherein said kitchen appliance is further adapted for low volume user production of said infusion pod.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a wherein the resilient member has a spring coefficient high enough biasing the bolt outwardly from the bolt carrier and adapted to conform a sheet of filter material to the shape of the depression and mold sealing surface so as to create a flanged filter cup in a cupping operation, yet low enough to